

## MUTANT VIRUSES

### ABSTRACT

An herpes simplex virus wherein the herpes simplex virus genome comprises nucleic acid encoding an antisense to the squamous cell carcinoma related oncogene (asSCCRO); and an herpes simplex virus wherein the herpes simplex virus genome comprises nucleic acid encoding a short interfering ribonucleic acid (siRNA) molecule that is capable of repressing or silencing expression of squamous cell carcinoma related oncogene (SCCRO) nucleic acid or polypeptide are disclosed together with methods for generation and applications of such viruses.